

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the following paragraphs as presented in the specification as most recently filed (on April 21, 2006), with the paragraphs set forth below.

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FIG. 2C: Nominal 300 ng samples of DNA were aliquoted from a master batch containing surfactant and processed through commercial miniprep columns. Eluate was recycled through ~~Qiaquick~~TM-QIAquick® (PCR purification kit) columns and collected either 3 times (4, 5) or twice (6,7) or recycled through ZymocleanTM (gel DNA recovery kit) columns and collected twice (8,9). Samples were alcohol precipitated using a commercial coprecipitant, electrophoresed on 1.5% agarose gels modified with SynergelTM (synergistic gelling and sieving agent), stained with SybrGoldTM-SYBR® Gold (nucleic acid gel stain) dye, digitized on a ~~Storm 860~~TM StormTM 860 (phosphoimager) and compared to unmodified but reprecipitated samples from the same master batch (10,11). Lanes 1-3: 100,50 and 5 ng of lambda-DNA.

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Release profiles for ~~hydrophilic-hydrophilic~~ dispersed atomized nanocapsules were linear, showed no zero burst and resulted in about 60% release after 72 hours (See Figure 42B). Formula W, manufactured with a standard surfactant (Tween 80) at a reasonable loading value (0.4%) failed to completely release loaded DNA. Figure 2C illustrates that small amounts of DNA (in this case 300 nanograms of DNA) can be recovered accurately in a procedure comprising butanol extraction of 10% butanol/saline releasing fluid followed by isolation on a miniprep column and measurement of absorbance at 260 nm excitation. Results obtained from UV spectroscopy are confirmed by electrophoresis of recovered DNA following alcohol coprecipitation with a commercial coprecipitant aid. Experiment 1A demonstrates the importance of a multi-phase system in creating coated particles from the micellar solution, defines surfactant requirements and validates method for measuring *in vitro* release profiles.